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I am pleased to hear that you are re-examining your standards for children's television programs. (MM Docket # 93-48)

As an educator, I am aware of the negative impact that many of the current programs have on the social development of young children.

I feel that shows depicting violence as a way to handle social conflicts to be inappropriate for children. These types of shows de-sensitize children to the real horrors of violence, and they re-inforce anti-social behavior.

I feel that appropriate programs for children should involve one (or all!) of the following elements:

1. wholesome entertainment (sing alongs, puppets, magic shows, etc.)
2. story plots involving characters who solve conflicts peacefully
3. educate and inform (about nature, other cultures, etc.)

I consider the following programs to be examples of excellent programs for children:

Reading Rainbow (PBS)
Shining Time Station (PBS)
Lambchop Play - Along (PBS)

Thank you for your efforts to improve the quality of children's television.

Sincerely,

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April 9, 1993